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In re Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, the undersigned hereby refers to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application. These documents were cited in an International Search Report issued in the priority application, a copy of which is enclosed. Copies of documents listed in the International Search Report were considered class "A" (not relevant) are not submitted.

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above-identified patent application and before the issuance of an office action on the merits; accordingly, the undersigned believes no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any deficiency in the above fee(s) or to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,

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